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West Valley City Resident to be Honored for Neighborhood Watch Efforts

WEST VALLEY CITY – Piano lessons, soccer practice, grocery shopping, laundry, cleaning house, play dates – all in a days work for a busy stay-at-home mom. One West Valley City resident, however, is adding crime fighting and blogging to her daily “To-do” list.

Renee Layton, a stay-at-home mom, already has plenty to do. Now in her “free” time, she also fits in chairing her Neighborhood Watch organization. In trying to find new ways to stay in touch with her neighbors and providing them up-to-date information, she turned to a widely popular medium: blogging. Since June, Renee has made regular posts to “The Summit Neighborhood Watch: We look out for each other!” blog (<http://summitneighborhoodwatch.blogspot.com/>). Over the past few months she has expanded the blog to include important City phone numbers, links to City websites, and information about public meetings.

“I wanted to do something to help my neighborhood be a little safer for my children,” says Layton. “Instead of just complaining about it, I wanted to be part of the solution.”

During the regular City Council meeting on August 28 at 6:30 p.m., Renee will be recognized for her efforts in the Summit Neighborhood Watch group, and will receive the *Neighborhoods that Work* award.

“Renee is an amazing individual with a great deal of passion who has worked hard to combat crime in the Diamond Summit neighborhood,” said Craig Thomas, West Valley City Neighborhood Services Manager. “With the help of individuals like Renee, neighborhood watch programs are successful at deterring criminal activity in our community.”

West Valley City has an active neighborhood watch program with more than 100 groups throughout the City. For more information about the West Valley City Neighborhood Watch program, please contact Craig Thomas at 963-3285 or cthomas@wvc-ut.gov, or visit www.wvc-ut.gov.

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